(iv) Electrification of all un-electrified Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the country free of charge.

Pending proposals for economic development of Tamil Nadu

*216. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals pending before Government for industrialisation, trade promotion and setting up of industries for the over-all economic development of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) and (b) Under the liberalised industrial policies, investment decisions are based on the commercial judgment of the entrepreneurs, which in turn is based on the initiative taken by the State Governments/ UTs in creating conducive environment by way of providing basic infrastructural facilities and other incentives. Central Government supplements their efforts to the extent possible by providing support/ incentives under its various schemes.

Tamil Nadu accounts for the highest share among States and UTs at 18.8% in the total number of letter of intents and direct industrial licences issued between August, 1991 to January, 2005. Receipt and sanction of such proposals is a continuous process.

Restrictions on the movement of foreigners in NE States

*217. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some North-Eastern States want the Central Government to ease restrictions on the movement of foreigners in their areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the States which have made this request and the reasons given in support thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the States, their proposals and reasons are as under:

Sl. No.	Names of State	Proposals	Given justification
1.	Nagaland	1. Lifting of the Protected Area Permit regime from the entire State and if that is not feasible, at least seven districts which have no international borders may be kept out of the PAP regime; and 2. Allowing some more State Government authorities for issuing permits.	1. The regime has become out-dated; 2. To promote tourism; and 3.To develop NE region as vital trade link with ASEAN countries to end economic and emotional isolation of the region.
2.	Mizoram	1. Individual foreign tourists may be allowed; 2. Foreign tourists be allowed to travel beyond Aizwal; 3. Period of maximum stay be extended from 10 days to 30 days; and 4. Delegation of power to the State to issue long term PAP to the spouses and children of foreigners who have been granted long-term PAP.	1. To boost tourism; and 2. To reduce inconveniences to foreign travelers in the State.

(c) The Central Government is open to examine the proposals on merit keeping in view the existing security scenario in the North-East Region.

Export of ALH (Dhruv)

*218. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, which has so far been importing Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs), is now in a position to export such helicopters, and Indian ALHs (Dhruv) are sought to be imported by no less a nation than Israel; and

(b) if so, the number of Dhruv Helicopters proposed to be imported by Israel and the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Dhruv, the Advanced Light Helicopter is an Indian product designed, developed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). HAL is in a position to export such helicopters.